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ZAMBIA'S CHILD JULY NEWSLETTER

It has been an exciting few months since our last newsletter. Our non-teaching staff were busy during the school holidays painting the Insaka (gazebo), outdoor cooking area and the store room of the chicken run, where Anthony (our agriculturalist) is now sleeping! This is only temporary, as we will need to raise funds to build him proper accommodation, but for now security is needed on the ag plot, where we have started raising chickens and where there will also be vegetable gardens.

The Waterworks fundraiser in March was very successful, and thanks to the wonderful support, a water tank, stand and solar pump are now installed. This will make an enormous difference to the ag plot, and we will now can now further develop the vegetable gardens.

June saw the arrival of a small team from Australia - Ros, Elizabeth (Australian Committee), Cathy and Alan. Elizabeth and Cathy spent two weeks assessing the literacy levels of our Grade 5 and 6 students. Alan gave our original classroom block a wonderful makeover with new paint (three classrooms, inside and out), with assistance from Fanwell (general worker) and other staff. Ros has been meeting with staff, ICCS students, and students in the Secondary and Tertiary Sponsorship Program, taking photos as well as collecting new data for profiles.

On Saturday, 16th June ICCS held its inaugural Open Day, and many members of the public were invited, including representatives from local businesses, government offices, local churches and schools. Despite having to cancel some of the performances and soccer games we had planned (due to the passing of an MP leading to a national period of mourning), the day was a success with a good number of people viewing the school for the first time.

There was some positive feedback from the Deputy Mayor, the Town Clerk's office, the Office of the President (Deputy District Commissioner), and the District Education Support Officer (DESO, Ministry of Education, Chingola).





New outdoor cooking area



Baby chicks!



DESO, Kim and Deputy District Commissioner at Open Day



Newly painted school building



Herbs for sale at ICCS Open Day

We sold second-hand clothing, women's crafts and jewellery, hot food and drinks, and vegetables grown on the school premises. Approximately \$1,500 was raised from the Open Day, including related donations. We had Mim and Tim from Australia visiting last week. They have been taking photos, videos and drone footage of all the school activities (some of which are in this newsletter). They leave today for a much needed short holiday after a whirlwind week.

Last Friday we held our annual enrolment day for our new Grade 1 entrants in 2019, who have now been selected. There is always a buzz in the air on this day when the new, shy students come along with their parents or guardians who are so grateful to have their children starting at ICCS. We are looking for 30 new sponsors for these students - so please let us know if you are interested in sponsoring a new student commencing next year. Another area of need is the staff salaries. It is always harder to find sponsors for staff than for students, and currently our Grade 6 teacher and Agriculturalist as well as two security guards are unsponsored, and two other staff require 25% sponsorship. If you are able to contribute anything to one of these staff salaries, we would be very grateful.

I am trying to organise my desk for three months away in Australia - and look forward to catching up with many Zambia's Child supporters during this time. A few days after we arrive in Sydney, the children and I will head to Albury, Finley and Deniliquin for a week. The following weekend we head to Bowral. We will be in Sydney for the whole of term three, and we will end our time in Australia with a trip north to Lismore and Brisbane, and then a final few days in Sydney. We have presentations planned for each place we visit, but still have some weekends available and would be interested in more speaking opportunities during our stay. If we are heading your way, please get in touch!

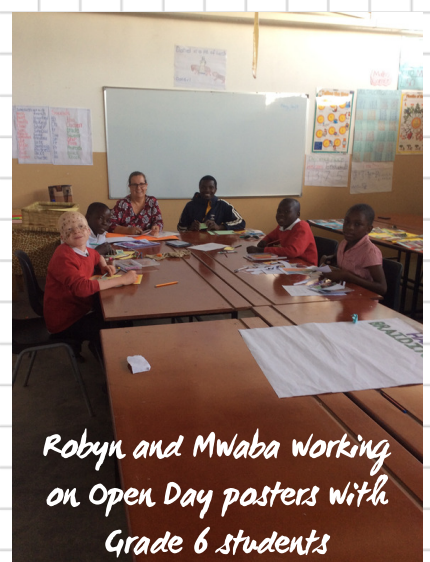
Our annual Gala Dinner will be held on Saturday, 8th September, so please save the date. This year we have reserved a different venue - the Kirribilli Club - which will help us reduce the ticket cost. We will be fundraising for our next classroom block, which will become a necessity before the end of 2019 as we move into Secondary School at ICCS.

Thank you all for your tremendous support, prayerfully, financially and emotionally. Without you, and without our amazing God, the work of Zambia's Child would not be possible. You are helping us change to lives in Zambia.

Kim Mukuka, Zambian Project Manager



Water tank, stand and solar pump



Robyn and Mwaba Working on Open Day posters with Grade 6 students

News from Manyando Community School, Kitwe

The second term of the school year is 'sports term'. Various sporting activities take place and these range from track and field to soccer. Soccer is the most popular sport among both female and male learners in the school. It was therefore a welcome moment when the school received soccer kits for the school soccer teams. This was made possible through Maxine Callow's contacts in the UK. The teams now have a new look yellow and blue soccer strip! With the same donation came an assortment of uniforms and sweat shirts. The sweat shirts have gone a long way in keeping the learners warm during this winter season. The second term is also the time our grade seven exam entrants sit for their mock exam in readiness for the final exams. Please join us in praying for our grade seven exam class, and wishing them all the best in their mock exams.



MCS students wearing their new uniforms



Boys in their new soccer gear!

A WORD FROM THE PUBLIC OFFICER (SYDNEY)

It is wonderful to be back in Zambia visiting the project and meeting the staff and students, although my time here is flying! As the school grows, we try to improve the methods of capturing information, and bring forward the date of the selection process for new students. Enrolment day last Friday was exciting, but confronting; there is only room for 30 new students from approximately 230 who applied, and those who were selected were full of joy - some already have relatives at the school. One little boy who lives with his blind mother, had led her the 4km walk to the school to attend the enrolment day. Please consider sponsoring one of these new students - it is very rewarding (their profiles will be ready soon).

Ros Philips, Public Officer, Zambia's Child



New Grade 1 Student (lives with blind mother), 2019



Enrolment Day

PRAYER POINTS

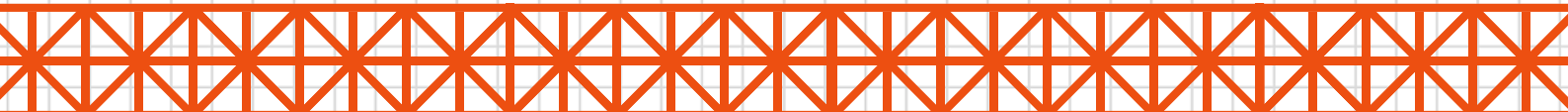
- Praise God for the success of our Open Day.
- Please pray for our new teachers, and for all staff, especially teaching staff, for the strength and the passion to do the job well.
- Please continue to pray against spiritual attack.
- Thank God for the wonderful progress with our building work.
- Please pray for Kim's speaking engagements in Australia, that they would open new avenues of support.



Entertainment Books are still available for purchase, with 20% of all sales going towards Zambia's Child. Loads of offers, with up to \$20,000 of savings.

08-09-18
Save the Date
Zambia's Child
3rd Annual Gala Dinner
Kirribilli Club, Lavender Bay

More information coming soon!



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